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Seven schools to compete at Drama Festival

Young thespians from throughout the state will compete for honors today at the 28th annual Mississippi State University High School Drama Festival.

Beginning at 9:15 a.m., students from seven schools will present either a one-act play or a scene from a long play. Free and open to the public, the University Theatre performances will continue, except for a noon-1:15 p.m. lunch break, until the concluding awards ceremony (approximately 4:30-5 p.m.).

The top three winners at MSU will go on to the Jan. 12-14 state drama festival at the Jeff Davis Campus of Gulf Coast Community College. In early March, the first-place state winner will vie for regional honors at the Southeast.

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ern Theatre Conference in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Dr. Dominic Cunetto, professor of communication, is the university festival's founder and director. Communication instructor Wayne Durst is technical director. This year's festival is the last for Cunetto, who retires next year after 27 years on the MSU faculty.

In order of appearance, schools represented are: (times approximate)

- 9:15 a.m., Tupelo High School, performing "Mannequin's Demise" by David Wolf Bodhill, directed by Delby Gibbs.

- 10-10 a.m., Oxford High School, performing "The Devil," adapted from a story by Guy de Maupassant, directed by Susan Smith.

- 11 a.m., The Academic and

Performing Arts Complex of Jackson, performing "Help" by David G. Grote, directed by Sharon L. Wheeler.

- 1 p.m., Washington High School (Greenville), performing "I Never Saw Another Butterfly" by Celavate Raspaniti, directed by Sonya M. Baker.

- 2:15 p.m., West Point High School, performing from "South Pacific" by Rogers and Hammerstein, directed by Rachel Williams, Nita Kays and Ginger Fowler.

- 3 p.m., Starkville High School, performing "Shadows" by Josephine Carter, directed by Paula Hudson.

- 3:50 p.m., St. Andrews Episcopal School (Jackson), performing from "The Glass Menagerie" by Tennessee Williams, directed by Ken Hackman.

Confirmation of performance times and other information on the festival can be obtained by telephoning Cunetto at 325-7591 or 325-3320.

